

REMARKS

The application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated July 15, 2005. Claims 1-43 were pending. By this Amendment, new dependent claim 44 has been added, and claims 1-4, 17-20 and 39-42 have been amended to clarify the claimed invention, without narrowing the scope of the claimed invention. Support for the claim amendments can be found in the application at, for example, page 30, lines 4-5, and page 35, line 17 through page 36, line 8. Therefore, claims 1-44 are now pending, with claims 1-4, 17-20 and 39-42 being in independent form.

Claims 1-43 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as purportedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,293,253 to Kida et al. Claims 1-43 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,239,881 to Shaffer et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,072,599 to Oba et al.

Applicant has carefully considered the Examiner's comments and the cited art, and respectfully submits that independent claims 1-4, 17-20 and 39-42 are patentable over the cited art, for at least the following reasons.

This application relates to improved techniques which enable the communication terminal device to process unwanted communications (for example, direct mail, junk mail, etc.), without unnecessarily wasting resources. For example, unwanted facsimiles, if allowed to be automatically printed out when received, causes waste of paper, and requires filtering through received facsimiles to separate the unwanted facsimiles from the other received facsimiles.

A communication terminal device with a function of rejecting receipt of messages from communication partners who are not registered in a receipt-allowed communication partner registration table is provided which, instead of receiving and printing out unwanted messages or even individual reports corresponding to the respective rejected messages, rejects the unwanted

message from the communication partner not registered in the receipt-allowed communication partner registration table. The communication control information in connection with unwanted messages which arrive from communication partners not registered in the receipt-allowed communication partner registration table are collected and stored. At a later time, a list can be created on the basis of the stored communication control information for the unwanted messages, and visibly output. Thus, waste of paper, such as from printing of unwanted facsimile messages and/or from printing of receipt rejection reports for respective rejected facsimile messages, can be minimized. Each of the independent claims of the present application includes these features.

Kida is directed to a facsimile apparatus which, when the apparatus receives a call from a calling station, checks identification information of the calling station to determine whether the calling station is registered in a RAM memory of the apparatus. If the calling apparatus is registered, normal facsimile reception is performed by the apparatus. On the other hand, if the calling apparatus is not registered, the line is disconnected by the facsimile apparatus and the apparatus reports the disconnection. Thus, a report is generated for, and at the time of, each call rejection, and is not for a plurality of rejected calls.

Applicant does not find teaching or suggestion in Kida of a communication terminal device provided with a function of rejecting receipt of messages from communication partners other than communication partners previously registered in receipt-allowed communication partner registration table, wherein the communication terminal device collects communication control information in connection with receipt-rejected communications, and creates a list of image information on the basis of the stored communication control information for the receipt-rejected communications, as provided by the claimed invention.

Shaffer, as understood by Applicant, is directed to a facsimile system wherein a station identifier received by a facsimile device from another facsimile machine is checked against a list

(stored by the facsimile device) of acceptable facsimile station identifiers. If a match is found, reception of the facsimile from the other facsimile machine is allowed to proceed. However, if no match is found, the facsimile device of Shaffer stores the facsimile in memory (step 412 in Shaffer), and the user can view a portion of the stored facsimile to decide whether to print or display the entire facsimile (step 414 in Shaffer).

Applicant does not find teaching or suggestion in Shaffer of a communication terminal device provided with a function of rejecting receipt of messages from communication partners other than communication partners previously registered in receipt-allowed communication partner registration table, which includes a receipt rejecting communication control medium, wherein when the communication relating to the message arrival from the communication partner not registered in the receipt-allowed communication partner registering table is rejected, a message receiving process is not performed by the facsimile device for the receipt-rejected communication, as provided by the claimed invention of the present application.

Oba, as understood by Applicant, is directed to a facsimile apparatus which includes the feature of redirecting facsimile data received from a facsimile machine to a personal computer. The facsimile apparatus has the conventional feature of storing information indicating a result of a transmission, and periodically printing a communication management report containing the transmission result information.

Applicant does not find teaching or suggestion in the cited art, however, of a communication terminal device provided with a function of rejecting receipt of messages from communication partners other than communication partners previously registered in receipt-allowed communication partner registration table, which includes a receipt rejecting communication control medium which collects communication control information in connection with receipt-rejected communications, wherein the communication terminal device creates a list

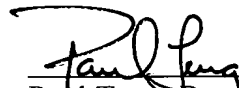
of image information on the basis of the stored communication control information for the receipt-rejected communications, and wherein when the communication relating to the message arrival from the communication partner not registered in the receipt-allowed communication partner registering table is rejected, a message receiving process is not performed by the facsimile device for the receipt-rejected communication, as provided by the claimed invention of the present application.

In view of the amendments to the claims and remarks hereinabove, Applicant submits that the application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant earnestly solicits the allowance of the application.

If a petition for an extension of time is required to make this response timely, this paper should be considered to be such a petition. The Office is hereby authorized to charge the additional claim fee and any other fees that may be required in connection with this amendment and to credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

If a telephone interview could advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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